

K_{ee}ping I_nformed = S_{ucc}ess News

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Each month, KIS wants you to know what exciting things are happening on our campus. In this first issue, we are supplying you with great information about our Parent Involvement Activities. We at KIS find it very important for parents and family members to be involved in a student 's educational career. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at the number below.

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Kilgore Intermediate Watchdogs

KIS kicked off a new innovative father involvement program called WATCH D.O.G.S.[®] (**Dads Of Great Students**) with a pizza night for students and fathers and father-figures of KIS on September 15, 2009 at 6:30 - 8:00pm in the KIS cafeteria.



WATCH D.O.G.S.[®] is the safe schools initiative of the National Center for Fathering (www.fathers.com). It was created in response to the Jonesboro, AR school shooting in 1998. Since then, the program has spread to more than 800 schools in over 30 states.

Fathers and father-figures are invited to sign up to spend one day this year volunteering, serving as a positive male role model and helping increase a sense of security in the building. During their WATCH D.O.G.S.[®] day, dads will engage in various activities such as welcoming students during arrival, reading to classes, tutoring small groups of students, having fun at recess, or simply sitting down and connecting with students during lunch. They can share about their careers and experiences . . . the possibilities are endless!

Program benefits

- Schools gain an extra set of eyes and ears. The presence of WatchDOGS (**Dads Of Great Students**) can increase a sense of security at the building for students and staff, and it helps create an environment conducive to learning.
- Students gain a positive male role model. Some students do not have a father-figure present in their home and the number of male teachers has been steadily declining in recent years. More positive male role models are needed in the school setting.
- Fathers and father-figures can spend meaningful time with their students in the school setting and gain a greater awareness of the positive impact they can have on their student's life, just by being a 'dad'.
- When WatchDOGS invest a day at school, they can learn how better to partner with the school to meet educational goals of students.

For More Information: Kilgore Intermediate School - (903)988-3903

WATCH D.O.G.S.[®] information: 1-888-540-3647, e-mail watchdogs@fathers.com or visit www.fathers.com/watchdogs

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Beginning in November, Kilgore Intermediate School will be having KIS Family Involvement Meetings. The first meeting, in November is a Volunteer Meeting, this meeting is for parents who want more information about volunteering at the child's school. The meetings, that are scheduled, from December through March, are designed to help parents learn the skills that their child puts to use on a daily basis. Each night will be based on a different subject matter.

- **November 10: Volunteer Meeting**
- **December 2: Math Games**
- **January 21: KIS Science Night**
- **February 9: Are you Smarter than a 4th grader?**
- **March 23: Are you Smarter than a 5th grade?**



Latino Family Literacy Project

A new nine week program call the Latino Family Literacy Project meets on Tuesday nights started on September 22nd ,at Kilgore Intermediate School ,from 5:30-7:30pm. Parents are meeting each week to learn new reading strategies and discuss how to establish a family reading routine with their children at home. They share stories and experiences with other parents and learn from each other. Parents are also making a family album during the class that reflects the reading and family time they are sharing at home. The parents are having a wonderful time each week building new relationships and learning



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Look at Our Accomplishments!



Commended Performance on TAKS

Thirty-seven 2008-2009 fourth grade students were recognized at the September 28th Kilgore ISD Board Meeting for having received Commended Performance on TAKS Reading, Mathematics, and Writing.

Pictured is eighteen out of the thirty-seven students recognized with Kilgore Intermediate School Principal Andy Adams. Students recognized were Regan Bennett, Sloan Berger, Eduardo Chavarria, Samantha Colburn, Oren Cummings, Kadrie Davis, Hunter Falco, Be'La Free, Michael Fuentes, Hunter Fyffe, David Garcia, Keylin Garcia, Rachael Garner, Hannah Gribble, Kaitlyn House, Aqsa Javed, Troy Jones, Rachel Jordan, Toni Littleton, Lauryn Long, Carmen May, Austin McKenzie, Mateo Meraz, Derick Park, Shrina Patel, Benjamin Peralez, Ediverto Pintor, Arath Sanchez, Madelynn Sanders, Kaleb Shafer, Syra Smith, David Solis, Daniela Stewart, Douglas Trull, Ally Venable, Samantha Watkins, and Ryan Wayne.

5th Grade Students Recognized at Board Meeting

On October 26th, the Board of Trustees recognized 2008-2009 Fifth Grade Students who achieved Commended Performance in Reading, Mathematics, and Science. Pictured is sixteen of the students with Kilgore Intermediate School Principal Andy Adams. Students recognized were Sydnee Brown, Jasleen Cabrera, Trenton Chapin, Cassidy Daniel, Isaac Galvan, Cynthia Garrett, Lauren Jodry, David Jordan, Katelynn Leonards, Jeridiah Lewis, Jace Mankins, Luke McKellar,

